

**PLANO CITY COUNCIL
PRELIMINARY OPEN MEETING
JUNE 25, 2007**

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Pat Evans, Mayor
Sally Magnuson, Mayor Pro Tem
Jean Callison, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem
Shep Stahel
Scott Johnson
Loretta Ellerbe
Harry LaRosiliere
Lee Dunlap

STAFF

Thomas H. Muehlenbeck, City Manager
Frank Turner, Executive Director
Bruce Glasscock, Executive Director
Rod Hogan, Executive Director
Diane C. Wetherbee, City Attorney
Diane Zucco, City Secretary

Mayor Evans called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m., Monday, June 25, 2007, in Training Room A of the Municipal Center, 1520 K Avenue. All Council Members were present with the exception of Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Callison. Mayor Evans then stated that the Council would retire into Executive Session in compliance with Chapter 551, Government Code, Vernon's Texas Codes, Annotated, in order to consult with an attorney and receive Legal Advice, Section 551.071 and to discuss Real Estate, Section 551.072 for which a certified agenda will be kept in the office of the City Secretary for a period of two years as required.

Mayor Evans reconvened the meeting back into the Preliminary Open Meeting at 6:18 p.m. in the Council Chambers where the following matters were discussed:

Consideration and Action Resulting from Executive Session Discussion:

No items were brought forward.

Personnel Appointments – Self Sufficiency Committee

Upon a motion made by Council Member Dunlap and seconded by Council Member Stahel, the Council voted 7-0 to appoint Marci Lynn Holloway to an interim term on the Self Sufficiency Committee with the term expiring October 2007.

Comprehensive Monthly Financial Report

Director of Finance McGrane presented the Comprehensive Monthly Financial Report for the month of May 2007 and spoke regarding the decline in the Water and Sewer Fund and the coming months that may result in higher water usage. City Manager Muehlenbeck spoke to the water district's year ending in July and City usage. Mr. McGrane spoke to increases in sales tax revenue, a decline in unemployment, and an increase in the annualized number for the refuse collection account. He spoke to single family housing starts being down from a year ago, the absorption of homes, and increases in construction on the commercial side. Mr. McGrane spoke to increases in the hotel/motel occupancy tax, provided a real estate market recap, and spoke to the diversification in the portfolio. He advised that the level of Lake Lavon is its highest since June 2003. Mr. McGrane responded to City Manager Muehlenbeck, stating that two banks have been receptive to meeting or coming close to the returns being offered by the City's depository.

Mobility Report

Transportation Engineering Manager Neal spoke regarding the Integrated Corridor Management Project which could impact U.S. 75 and consideration by the U.S. Department of Transportation. He advised that cities are being encouraged to look at new ways to improve traffic and address communications between municipalities and that the project would offer the ability to coordinate with DART as well. Mr. Neal spoke to possible selection as a finalist for the project and implementation beginning within three years.

Mr. Neal responded to Mayor Evans regarding traffic conditions at Jupiter Road northbound from S.H. 190, contact with the City of Richardson and finding solutions in the near future to correct the problems of congestion. He responded to Council Member Johnson that Staff could look at the timing of the traffic signal at that location.

Discussion and Direction Regarding Sculpture Event

Public Art Committee Chair Drotman spoke to envisioning an event that would bring excitement to the City and advised that the budget presented is flexible in nature. He spoke to the process implemented by the Sculpture Event Budget Task Force and key aspects including size, length of the event, location being downtown, theme, art selection and scheduling the event in mid to late-October. Cultural Programs Coordinator Eubanks spoke regarding subcommittees formed to consider marketing and planning, operations, and administration. She advised that the estimated grand total for the first year of the event would be \$310,000-\$350,000. Ms. Eubanks spoke to the benefits including enhancing the cultural growth of Plano, promoting economic development and downtown revitalization, and increasing the visibility of Plano. She stated that if the Council decided to move forward, a permanent committee would need to be formed to begin planning the event which would take 18-24 months, a name would be chosen, and a plan developed that clearly measures success.

Mr. Drotman responded to Council Member Johnson, stating that some events do not “break even” and Ms. Eubanks responded to Mayor Pro Tem Magnuson regarding the City’s benefit through the sale of sculptures. Mr. Drotman responded to Council Member LaRosiliere regarding planned efforts to attract attendees from the sculpture community.

Mayor Evans thanked the committee and Staff for their extensive work, but stated concern that the festival would be daytime only, October is a heavily scheduled month, the built-in costs, possible weather disruption, issues of paid parking and spoke to spending funds in a different way. Mayor Evans and Council Member Ellerbe stated concern regarding the management of the event. Council Member LaRosiliere stated concern regarding the sustainability year after year and the costs of the event. Council Member Stahel spoke to festivals at other locations and stated there may be a way to get a higher return on investment in the downtown area. Mr. Drotman spoke to a possible low cost alternative in which artwork is placed at Haggard Park for a three-month period to determine interest.

Mayor Evans spoke to the quality information provided and stated that there was no support to move ahead.

Mayor Evans convened the Preliminary Meeting directly into the Regular Meeting at 7:05 p.m. where remaining items were discussed.

Pat Evans, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Diane Zucco, City Secretary